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SUBJ: PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO

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PARIS FOR USDEL UNESCO

1. NORWAY WILL ABSTAIN ON QUESTION OF PERMANENT OB-
SERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT MAY 5 EXBD MEETING. ACTING
CHIEF O F INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION(UTHEIM)
INFORMED EMBOFF APRIL 22 OF NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION
WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND ENDORSED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER FYRDENLUND.

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2. FOLLOWING IS DETAILED NORWEGIAN VIEW:

A. NORWAY ABSTAINED ON ALL THREE PLO RESOLUTIONS
AT 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO LAST FALL.

B. IN LIGHT OF THIS AS WELL AS NORWAY'S BROAD ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, NORWAY WILL ABSTAIN ON
QUESTION OF PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT UNESCO.
HOWEVER, FINAL NORWEGIAN POSITION DEPENDS ON PRECISE
WORDING OF PROPOSAL AND REASSESSMENT OF SCOPE AND CON-
SEQUENCE OF CONCRETE TUNISIAN INITIATIVE.

C. SHOULD PREPONDERANT MAJORITY OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN NATIONS ADOPT THE SAME POSITION, THE NORWEGIAN
VOTE COULD BE INFLUENCED ACCORDINGLY.

D. GIVEN TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN IMPARTIALITY IN MIDDLE
EAST, THERE IS NO QUESTION OF NORWAY PLAYING A
LEADING ROLE OR CAMPAIGNING AGAINST PLO.

E. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZES THAT IT WILL FIRMLY
OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE OR LIMIT ISRAELI PAR-
TICIPATION IN UN, UNESCO, OR OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.
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